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China's Budget

COMMONIST China's latest national budget is, in terms of figures, impressive, while the development projects envisaged during the third year of the nation's five-year plan require only fulfillment to open up a new and unprecedented era for the country.

The one obvious snag is the difference between anticipation and realization, a point which the Chinese leaders themselves appreciate judging by the warnings which some of them are giving to the National People's Congress now in session in Peking.

The mass of optimistic percentage figures relating to expected improved production, presented by the Finance Minister on Wednesday, need not be wholly discounted. They should not be regarded as figments of the imagination. Nevertheless it is well to remember that in countries where the economy is either fully state-controlled or in the process of becoming so, "targets" are the dominating yardstick which, whether fulfilled or otherwise, do not necessarily reflect the true economy of a nation.

By far the most significant feature of the new budget is the emphasis placed on the development of China's heavy industries. If this is not deliberately aping the new domestic Soviet policy announced since the eclipse of Malenkov, it is an interesting coincidence. In fact it can be accepted as an enterprise carefully planned by Peking and Moscow. This is supported by the announcement made only a few hours before the Chinese Finance Minister presented his budget that arrangements had been completed for the exchange of information and technical advisers between Russia and China relative to the development of heavy industries and production methods.

China's dependence on Russia for the development of heavy industries, allied with technological information, is all too clear, and insofar as this aspect of the Chinese Communists' budget is concerned, it can be regarded as being dictated by the Soviet Union.

The final analysis, however, the problem which Peking cannot dodge is that of realizing, even in appreciable part, its five-year plan. One big handicap is that the Peking regime is having to supplant a traditional form of economy with one that is completely state-controlled. Thus the five-year plan is a super-imposition. And by chiefly concentrating on the development of industries for which the national economy has never been geared, the danger of failure becomes aggravated.

Of more importance than the Finance Minister's string of estimates was Vice-Premier Li Fu-chun's admission that after completion of the five-year plan it would take at least another 15 years for the complete transformation of China into a Socialist state. That is a long time for people to have to bear heavy sacrifices for a highly doubtful millennium.

An Epic Adventure Story

Another new popular serial story begins in the China Mail tomorrow. This time, Graham Wallace tells the epic of the first flight across the Atlantic and the intrepid aviators, Alcock and Brown who did it.

Don't miss "Flight to Glory" beginning tomorrow. It will be running concurrently with our other big serial story "Gideon Goes To War" by Leonard Mosley.

These are only two of the highlights in tomorrow's feature-packed edition of the China Mail. Here are some others:

- ★ Not all famous men come from Eton.
- ★ The Most Elegant Man tells his secrets.
- ★ Tensing's story of the Mount Everest climb.

There are all your regular features as well including the latest film reviews, three pages of local and overseas pictures, cartoons and comics. Sir Beverley Baxter's piece, "Week-end Womanence," the latest sports news and the inimitable Giles' all in the one paper: the Saturday Mail.

"We are on fire... There has been an explosion in the engine room..."

The boat has a hole in the stern... We are sinking..."

DRAMATIC SEA STORY

Saga Or Hoax?

TUGBOAT PICKS UP DISTRESS SIGNALS

New York, July 7.

A fantastic saga of the sea — and possibly one of its greatest hoaxes — was touched off in the dark pre-dawn hours of Thursday with a strange radio report that survivors from a flame-swept boat had been rescued by a foreign submarine.

Many hours later it was just as big a mystery as when the story began to unfold at 2.25 a.m.

A sweeping air and sea search produced only one feeble possibility of a clue to whether anything at all actually had happened.

This was an unmarked life jacket, found by a Coast Guard cutter about five miles from the scene of the purported boat distress. It was estimated to have been in the water less than 24 hours.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL

Baghdad, July 7.

A major fire in the Iraq Petroleum Company's pipeline, 31 miles west of Kirkuk, was under control today after a night-long battle to subdue it. A company announcement said.

The fire broke out last night in a 18-inch pipeline and the flames leaped to a height of 150 feet in the early stages.

It spread rapidly over a 100-yard area affecting two other pipelines.

Company personnel fought the flames throughout the night, using bulldozers, tractors and cranes. Wearing asbestos uniforms the workers entered the fire area to press home the fight.

One team, using bulldozers, built up a protective wall around the fire in order to contain it.

The company's statement said production in the field was temporarily reduced from the rate of 510,000 barrels daily to 318,000 barrels. But the rate was stepped up later. — United Press.

Admiral Found Guilty

Buenos Aires, July 7.

A military court here today convicted Admiral Anibal Oliveri, alleged leader of last month's abortive anti-Peron coup, to an indeterminate period of "preventive imprisonment."

A similar sentence was passed on 34 other naval officers alleged to be implicated in the plot.

The sentence means the accused men have been found guilty in principle. Their terms of "preventive imprisonment" in the national penitentiary will be deducted from the final sentence. — Reuter.

Rail Coach For Royal Children

London, July 7.

Queen Elizabeth today inspected at St Pancras Station a railway coach specially built for Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

She was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh. — Reuter.

Violent Fighting Reported In South Vietnam

Saigon, July 7.

Violent fighting is still going on between the South Vietnam National Army and the Hoa Hao rebel troops of General Ba Cut, according to front line reports received here today.

The reports said Ba Cut's private army is still resisting in the area around Rachgia on the Gulf of Siam and along the Triton Canal north of the port.

The National Army said today that 247 rebel troops have been killed

since the army launched its offensive two weeks ago in the seven mountains. Another 162 were taken prisoner and 197 had rallied to the Government's side.

The National Army did not state its own casualties. — Reuter.

ADMIT RED CHINA TO UNITED NATIONS URGE NEHRU & TITO

Belgrade, July 8.

Mr Nehru and Marshal Tito today urged the big powers to carry on the coming Geneva talks in the spirit of "peaceful and active co-existence."

In a joint declaration issued after Mr Nehru's one-week visit to Yugoslavia, the Indian Prime Minister and the Yugoslav President also called for the admission of Communist China and all other countries qualified by the charter into the United Nations.

The two statesmen said the questions of Germany and Formosa were of vital importance and their peaceful solution would point out new and far-reaching possibilities of peaceful progress and co-operation.

They also said there should be "effective measures" taken through "broad international co-operation" to help underdeveloped countries.

They said they had agreed to exchange economic missions soon and promote co-operation between their two countries in the scientific, technical and cultural fields.

The two statesmen said their talks, carried on "in an atmosphere of cordiality," had "close identity of views on all the problems considered."

Their declaration said: "The policy of full independence pursued by both countries imbued with the principles of peaceful and active co-existence represents an important contribution to the growth of international co-operation and mutual understanding among an increasingly large number of countries."

It added that both leaders "noted that the general world situation had improved of late" and the trend towards settling problems by way of negotiations had been strengthened.

The declaration said this had occurred at the Asian-African conference in the signing of the Austrian Treaty, the larger area of agreement achieved on disarmament and during the Yugoslav-Soviet talks in Belgrade and the Indian-Soviet talks in Moscow and at the United Nations anniversary session in San Francisco.

"It is earnestly hoped that the same spirit will prevail at the forthcoming meeting in Geneva of the representatives of the governments of France, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and the United States and that this will make a new contribution towards the improvement of the international situation."

"The creation of an atmosphere of greater confidence and co-operation in international relations will lead to increasing possibilities and for the constructive solution of outstanding international problems and for security in the world."

"The question of disarmament and the prohibition of nuclear weapons with international control is of particular importance in this respect." The forthcoming conference in Geneva on the peaceful use of atomic energy was "especially significant" in that context.

The declaration added: "The changing international conditions both require and make possible a greater role of the United Nations in international affairs."

"But for the United Nations to be in a position to play such a role effectively it should achieve universality of membership by recognizing the legitimate rights of the Peoples' Republic of China to representation in the United Nations and admitting to membership all other countries qualified by the charter into the United Nations."

Naval Rating On Serious Charge

Portsmouth, July 7.

A Royal naval rating, Able Seaman Michael Ronald Andrews, has been arrested here on a charge of passing on secret information regarding the British submarine service, it was learned today.

The rating, now held at Fort Blockhouse, Gosport, submarine base near Portsmouth, will be court-martialed next Wednesday.

The rating, a member of the submarine service, is being charged under the Naval Discipline Act that "he failed to heed a warning that he should not reveal certain information which had come to him in the performance of his duties." — China Mail Special.

MRS SISPERA TURNS DOWN CZECH OFFER

London, July 7.

A British-born war bride trying to leave Czechoslovakia with her three children today turned down a Czech offer to free her former husband from prison if she would remain with him in the country, it was learned here today.

Mrs Phyllis Sispera, whose plight jeopardises relations between Britain and Czechoslovakia, rejected the offer in front of her ex-husband during an emotional meeting supervised by Czech police.

The husband, a wartime airman who married Mrs Sispera in Britain, was brought under police escort from the gaol where he has been serving an 11-year sentence for trying to take his family to Britain in 1950.

The 32-year-old Mrs Sispera, who also served a 15-month term for an escape attempt, divorced her husband after pressure from the Czech authorities following his imprisonment.

The deal offered Mrs Sispera was made after she was picked up at her Prague apartment on Tuesday by police who took her to visit her three children—all born in Britain. The children have been living in a state home in the country.

After a tearful reunion, at which the children implored their mother not to leave, Mrs Sispera was taken to a nearby villa where she was brought face to face with Sispera.

The police then told her she and her family could have a very happy future in Czechoslovakia if only she would agree to remain there with her children.

Her ex-husband would be freed and given a job in the Czech uranium mines, she was told. They would be provided with a villa, and Mrs Sispera would be allowed to make visits to England to see her relatives.

But Mrs Sispera insisted the marriage was finished and that her only wish was to go back to England and to take the three children with her.

After refusing the Czech offer, Mrs Sispera was returned to her apartment in a state of emotional exhaustion. — China Mail Special.

Prison Riot Sequel

Big Cache Of Weapons Discovered

Washington, July 7.

Volunteer guards searching the Washington State Penitentiary today turned up hundreds of weapons including knives, razors and axes. The search was being made in the wake of a 26-hour riot yesterday.

Nearly the entire day shift of guards refused to go into the cell-blocks, fearful that three wheelbarrows of weapons surrendered by the convicts were not all the weapons in their possession.

The prison business manager, William Council, said a complete inventory of the men and their cells might not be completed for "several days."

Unarmed guards herded the convicts into the yard. The inmates were fed sandwiches at noon, their first meal of the day, and the prison authorities made plans to feed them again tonight.

While State patrolmen reinforced armed guards patrolling the walls, the eight volunteers led the search in the prison. The search was to go on through the night, prison officials said.

"We have a very big job here," said Dave Halverson, Director of Personnel at the prison.

The convicts also surrendered nine hostages, unharmed, yesterday to end what they called their "collective rebellion."

FIVE CHILDREN GASED

Bangor, Ireland, July 7.

An inquest is to be held here tonight into the circumstances surrounding the death by gas of five Belfast children. Three sisters and two brothers, in their holiday bungalow here this afternoon.

The children had been left in the care of their grandfather, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noble, were working in Belfast, France Press.

Eden Explains West's Aims At Geneva

London, July 7.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, declared here tonight that Britain would agree to "any reasonable arrangements" to give Russia reassurances about a free, united Germany.

He said he quite understood that the Russians feared a free Germany would probably unite with the West.

He thought Germany would, but added: "The Russians may even consider this dangerous to their security."

"But the answer is that it need not be so."

"We are certainly ready, and I believe that the Western nations—including Germany—are also ready to agree to any reasonable arrangement which will give Russia reassurance on this point."

The Prime Minister was speaking at a dinner here given by the English Speaking Union.

Sir Anthony Eden referred to the schemes for control and limitation of Western Europe's armaments which sprang out of the talks on the formation of the Western European Union in London and Paris last autumn.

He noted that "certain definite restrictions" had been placed upon the nations involved, including Western Germany by that agreement.

Referring to the voluntary limitation of armaments and voluntary system of control and inspection, he said:

"There has never been anything like it in the world before. These ideas are worth studying by everybody."

"There is no reason why they should not be extended in some form from the West to the East. And maybe other plans could be worked out, too, to give confidence and security."

THREE PRINCIPLES: Referring to the top-level East-West talks opening at Geneva on July 18, the Prime Minister said there were three principles from which he would not depart. They were:

"We are not prepared to break up the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

"We will not be parted from the United States.

"We will work for the unification of Germany."

The Prime Minister commented: "Subject to these principles our position is negotiable."

Turning to the "new look" in Russian policy the Prime Minister said: "It may be so, I trust it will prove so."

"But I hope that nobody will accuse us of hanging back if we take a good look at the new look before we pronounce upon it."

HIS HOPE: The Prime Minister counselled that it was not wise to expect too much of an international meeting like the coming Geneva talks.

But he hoped they would be "the first of a series at varying levels."

"Of course there are. The Germans understand them."

"There are risks for everybody in any attempt to solve this problem, but we have to solve it all the same, because there will be neither security nor lasting peace in Europe unless we do."

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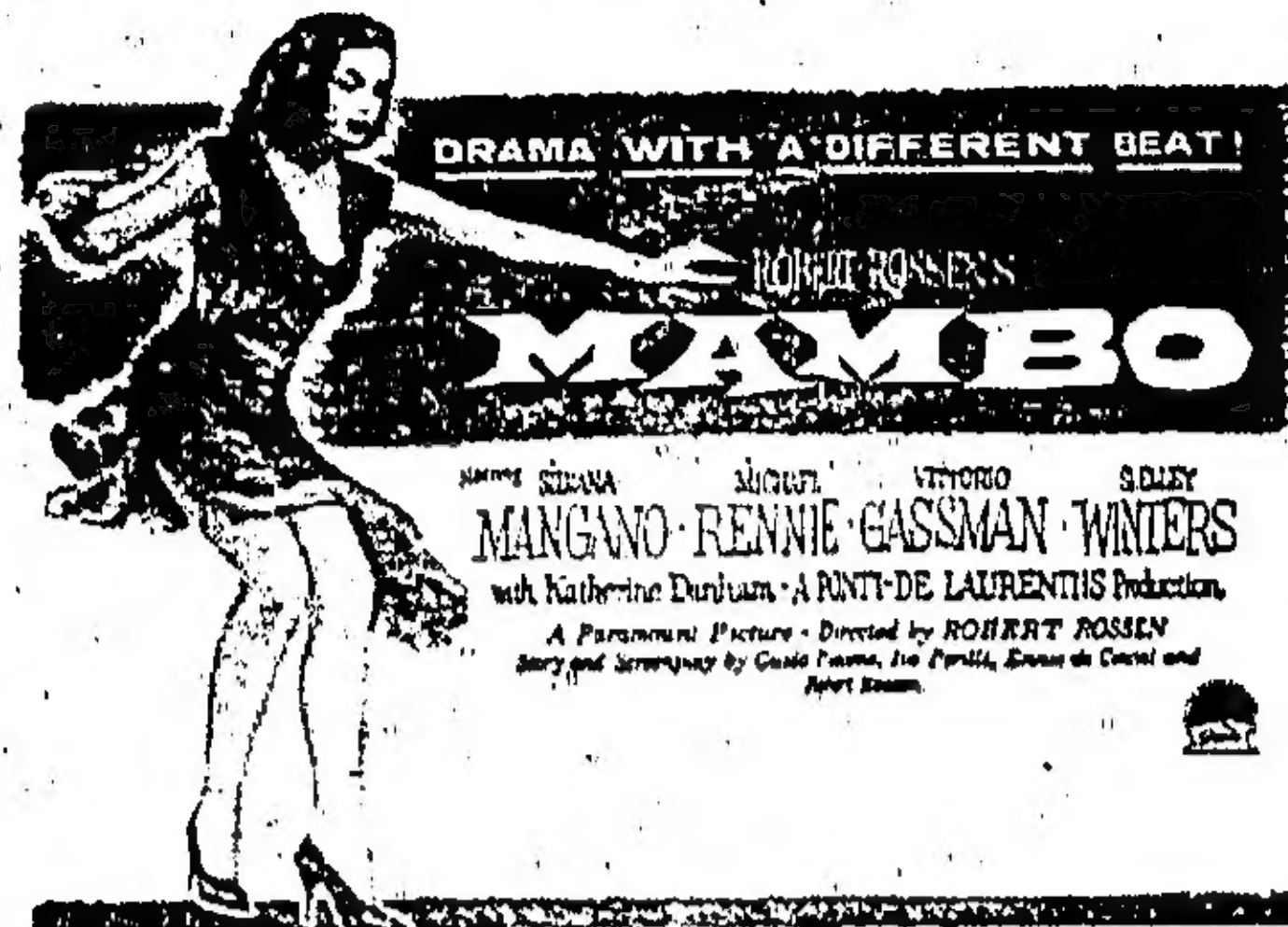
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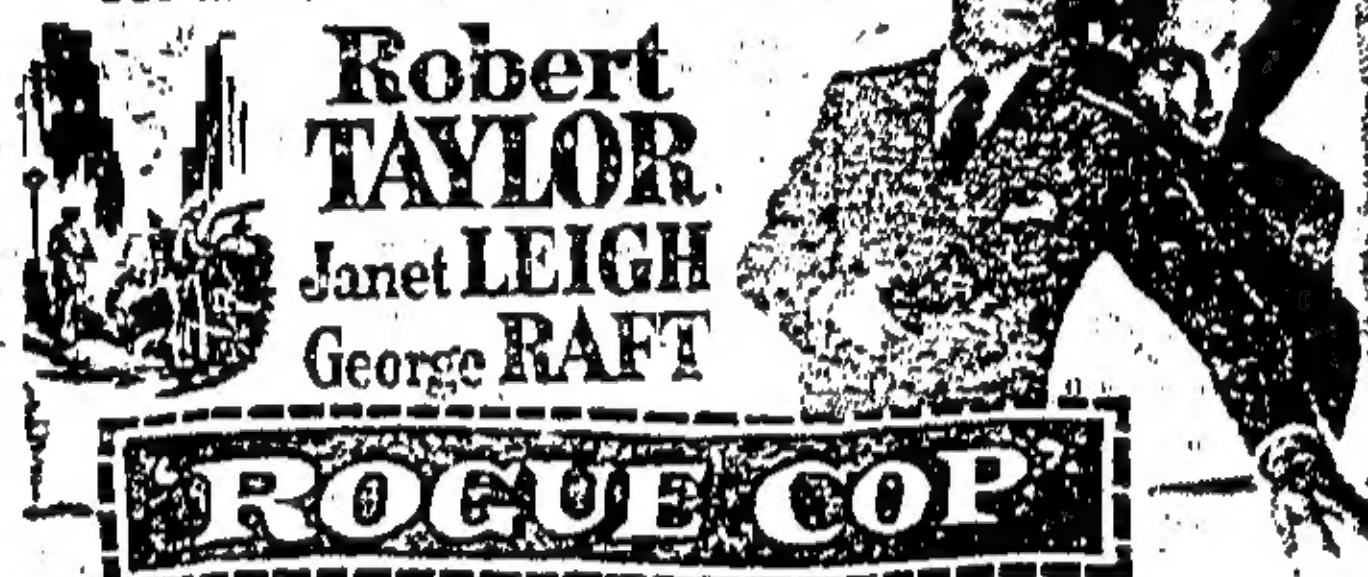
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Washington, July 7.

The Senate Thursday passed by voice vote a \$3,285,800,000 Foreign Aid Authorisation Bill and sent it to the House for expected final Congressional action.

The measure is 123 million dollars less than President Eisenhower asked. The difference was mainly found in a House decision to reduce direct military aid funds by 145 million dollars.

The Bill came to the stage of final action in a swirl of controversy over charges the Defence Department "obligated" more than half a billion dollars of military aid funds the last day of the fiscal year—June 30.

NOT OBLIGATED

Critics contended the purpose was to avoid an express provision in the new Bill forbidding the Administration from carrying into the new fiscal year more than 200 million dollars from past aid money not yet spent or obligated.

House members of a Senate-House conference committee which produced the final version

of the Bill said in a formal report: "The conferees were shocked at the wholesale reservations reported to have been made in the Defence Department during the last few days of the fiscal year in order to 'save' their appropriations from 'losses.'"

On the other side of the argument, secret testimony was made public to the effect that the Defence Department would face a "complete reprogramming" of arms aid if conferees were cancelled.—Associated Press.

Kisses From Uncle Ho

London, July 7.
President Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam sent "Kisses From Uncle Ho" to all Chinese children in a recorded speech broadcast throughout Communist China today, Peking radio said.

The speech was broadcast at the same time as President Ho was being entertained at a banquet given by Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Republic.

Communist China and North Vietnam are expected to announce later today the results of talks between Chinese leaders and President Ho, whose state visit to Peking ends tomorrow.—Reuter.

HARRIMAN MEETING MACMILLAN

New York, July 7.

The Governor of New York, Mr. Averell Harriman, departed for London this evening with Mrs. Harriman, to begin a 27-day tour of England, Israel, Italy, France and Ireland.

He said it was his first trip to Europe since he attended a NATO Council meeting in Paris in 1952.

Aboard the same plane was the Indian diplomat, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, who was expected to meet Prime Minister Nehru in London.

MEETING CHURCHILL

Mr. Harriman said he would lunch tomorrow in London with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan. He and Mrs. Harriman will spend Sunday with the former Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, and Lady Churchill at their summer home.

After about a week in England, the Harrimans will fly to Israel. He said he was looking forward to attending the horse show in August in Dublin, as "the horse show there is one of the finest in the world."

Mr. Menon said he and Mr. Nehru would discuss "subjects of mutual interest." Asked if he thought his talks with President Eisenhower on the Formosa question and the subject of US prisoners in China were profitable, he replied with a smile: "They did no harm. It is always profitable to talk with your President."

He said he did not know whether he would proceed to New Delhi from London, return to the United States or go somewhere else. His plans, he said, would hinge on his talks with Premier Nehru.—United Press.

Lady Docker's First Arrow



Who'd go to an archery meeting without wanting to shoot? Not Lady Docker... here she is at the Hampshire County Archery Championships on the Thornycroft Cricket Ground, Basingstoke, Hants. Fifteen-year-old Paul Mullins of Aldershot, a member of the Bowmen of Angley Wood, is lending her bow so that she can shoot for the first time. Lady Docker, whose husband Sir Bernard Docker, is President of the Hampshire Archery Association—was Lady Paramount at the championships. At medieval tournaments the Lady Paramount was the supreme arbitrator. Nowadays here her duties are usually to open the meeting and present the prizes at the end.—Reuterphoto.

Effect Of A-Radiation
MEN'S BODIES MAY
BECOME SMALLER

London, July 8.

Men may have smaller bodies and shorter lives because of the effects of atomic radiation, the British Medical Journal said today.

It was commenting on two attempts made in America to measure directly the effects of radiation on man.

The first is being carried out on survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki covering 2,000 births. So far only a preliminary report is available.

The second is on radiologists in America.

The British Medical Journal said that no strong indication was found from the Japanese study of any effect on the sex ratio, the malformation rate, the still birth rate or the birth weights of children at least one of whose parents had developed any of the cardinal symptoms of radiation injury in the months after the bombing.

The survey on the American radiologists was made by a routine postal quiz to over 3,500

of them, and the same quiz was sent to a similar number of physicians, specialising in other things.

There was a small and significant increase in the number of congenital malformations among the children of the radiologists. The British Medical Journal said there was ample room for bias in the incomplete response to the questionnaire and it could not be assumed that this small difference was due to irradiation.

CAREFUL

It added: "The authors of both surveys are nevertheless careful to make the point that their inconclusive results should not be interpreted as indicating that the genetic effects of radiation in man are small."

"Animal experiments have shown that the great majority of mutations, whether occurring naturally or following artificial radiation, are at least partially recessive and so unlikely to be detected in the first generation after exposure."

"Perhaps the effects most likely to be detected in the first generation are not still births and congenital malformation but a reduction in adult body size and in average length of life."

"These would require a longer follow up for their detection."—China Mail Special.

Maharaja
Contests
Court's
Jurisdiction

Paris, July 7.

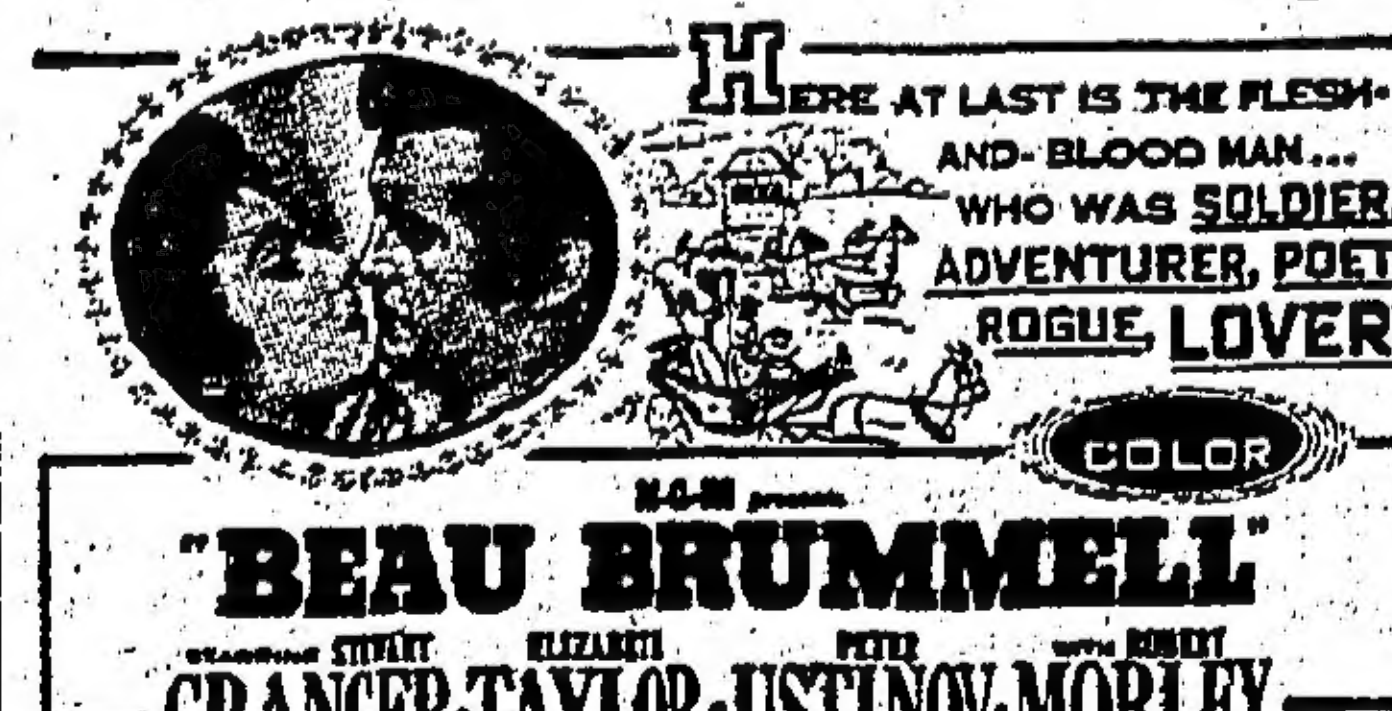
The Maharaja of Baroda, through his lawyers here, today contested the jurisdiction of French courts in a suit for legal separation brought by his wife, the Maharani.

The Maharani, who lives in Neuilly, fashionable suburb of Paris, had brought suit on May 18 on grounds of "serious wrongs."

She insisted, through her lawyers, that the Seine Department (Paris) courts had jurisdiction over the case, while the Maharaja, who lives in Bombay, pleaded the opposite.

Presiding Judge Charles Bonnet will rule on the issue on Monday. He will also possibly call the two lawyers to discuss the question of custody of the child of the couple.—France-Press.

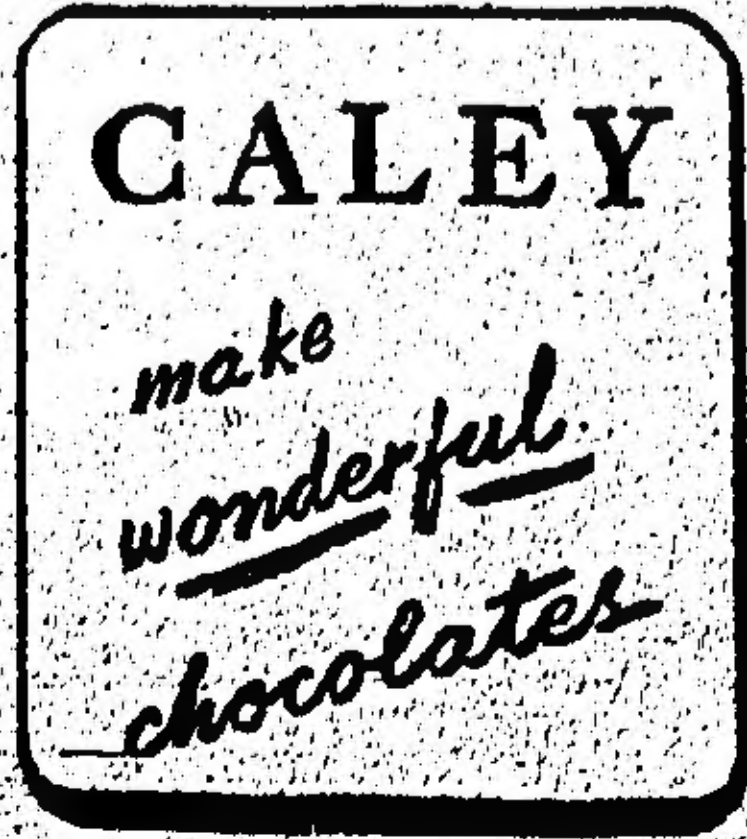
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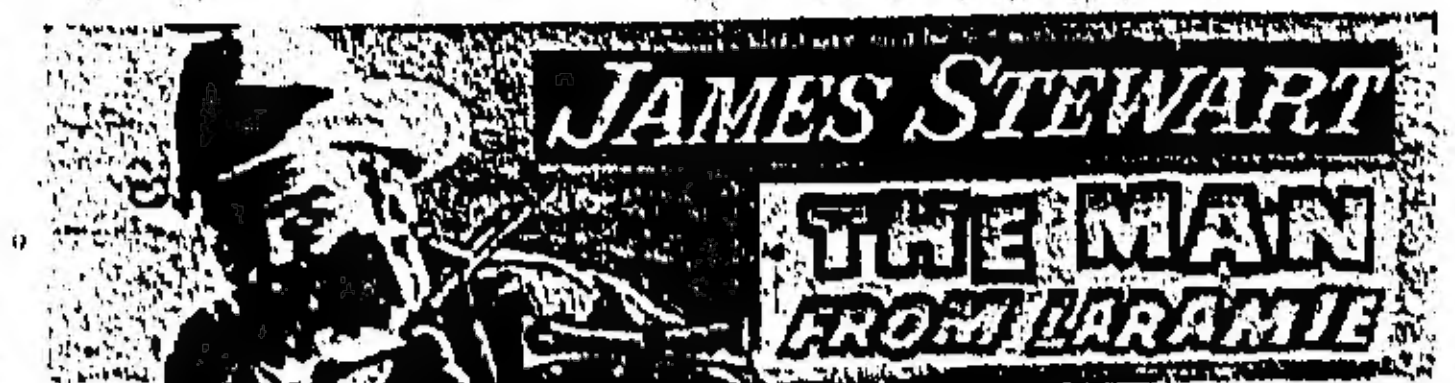
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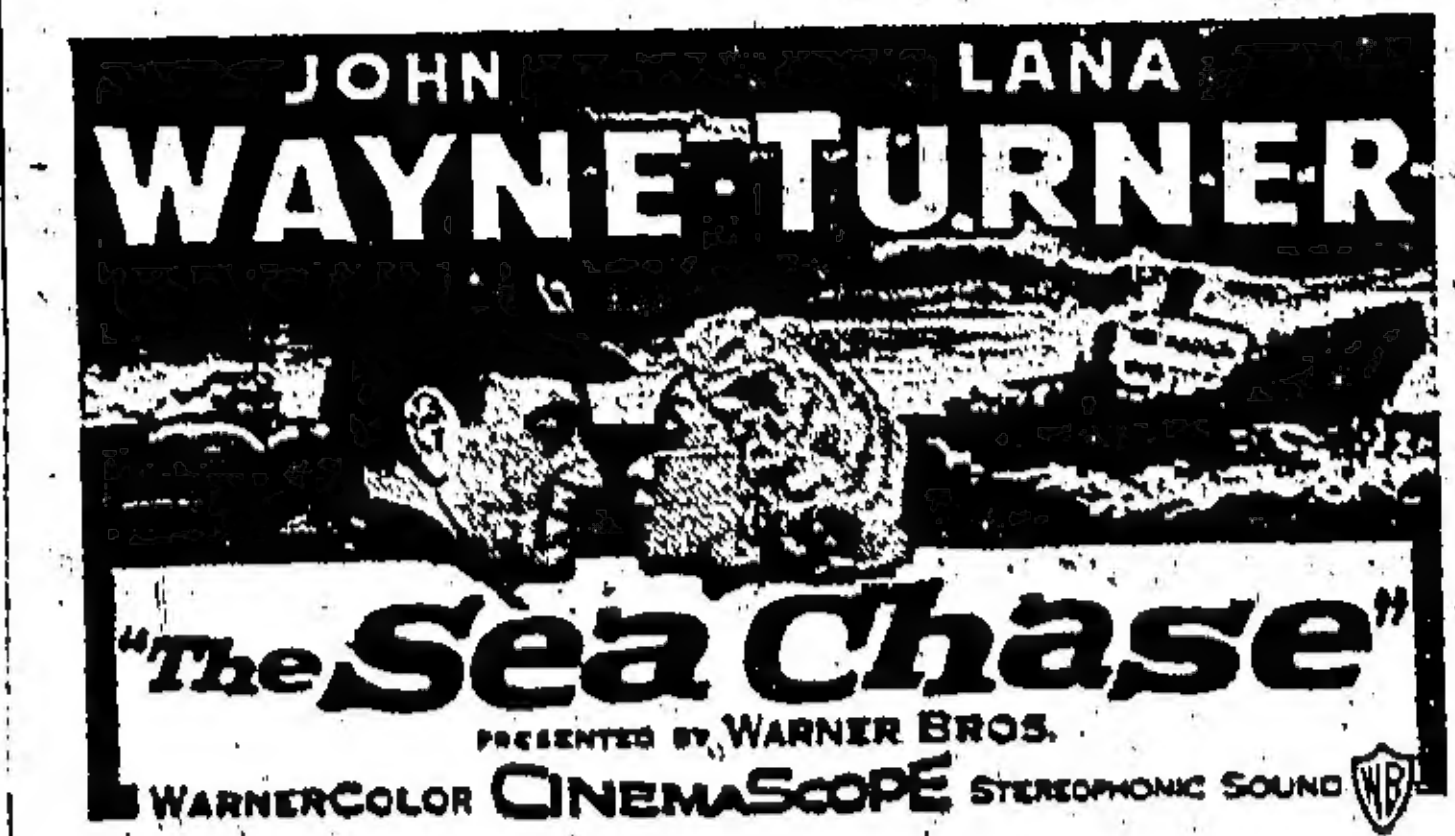
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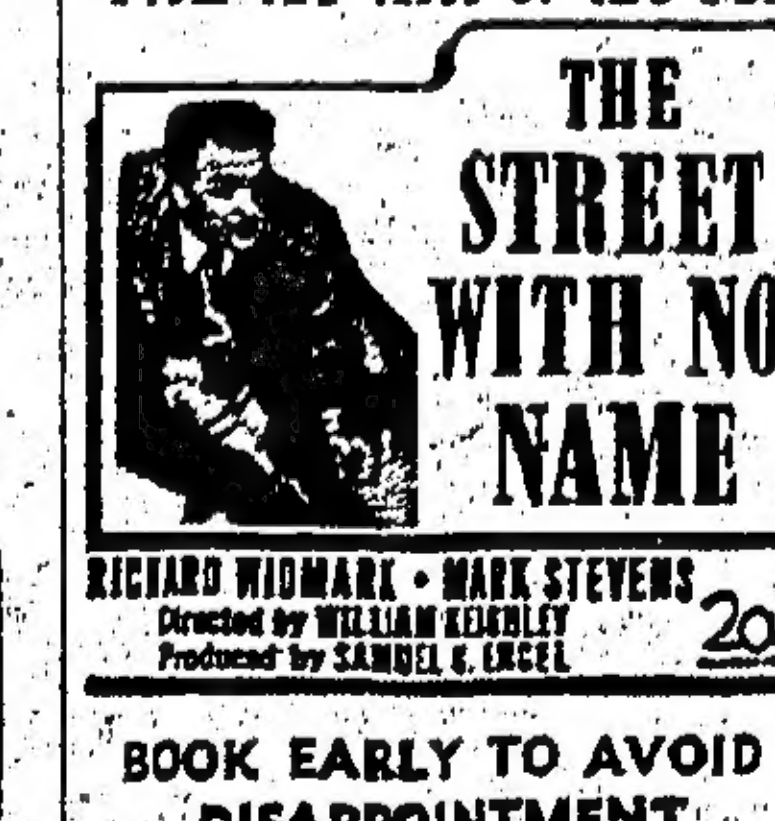
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Confidence Grows In Casablanca

On General's Arrival ARABS OPEN THEIR SHOPS AFTER 7-WEEK STRIKE

Rabat, July 7.

M. Gilbert Grandval, formerly France's top diplomat in the Saar, flew here today from France to take up his post as French Resident-General in this tense and troubled protectorate.

The Resident-General at once drove to the Sultan's palace for his first visit to Sultan Mohammed Moulay Ben Arafa.

M. Grandval has a reputation as a man of energy and action, and everyone in Morocco expects him to act decisively though there are widely different ideas on what his actions should be.

On his arrival today two-thirds of the shops in the Arab quarter of Casablanca opened, their doors after a seven-week strike ordered by the Nationalists.

Some shopkeepers told reporters that it was a gesture of confidence in the new Resident-General. In Rabat's Arab quarter, however, most of the shops remained closed.

M. Grandval will stay in Morocco about six weeks in the first instance. He will then return to Paris to report to the Government.

The main problems on which he will report are these:

1. TERRORISM

In Morocco this has not taken the

form of organised armed rebellion as it did in Algeria. The terrorists, fanatical Nationalists determined to drive the French out of Morocco work singly or in small groups murdering French settlers or "pro-French" Moslems, spraying cafe terraces with machine guns, placing bombs and firing crops.

Casablanca, which has been called the North African Chicago, is the worst trouble spot.

2. "COUNTER-TERRORISM"

This is the name given to terrorist acts assumed to be committed by fanatical French settlers who oppose any concessions to the Moslems.

Counter-terrorists have killed Nationalist leaders and Frenchmen sympathetic to their views including the well-known editor M. Jacques Lemaigre-Dubreuil.

A leading advocate of reforms in Morocco, who was shot dead in Casablanca on June 11.

M. Roger Wybot, head of France's counter-intelligence service, was sent to Casablanca to investigate the murder. After his visit 12 people including eight police were arrested in connection with counter-terrorist activities.

M. Wybot's report to the French Government, which recommended, according to reliable sources, a complete re-organisation of the Moroccan police, will present one of the problems M. Grandval will have to study.

The arrests of suspected counter-terrorists caused concern among French settlers and ten days ago an organisation called "The Organisation for Defence Against Terrorism," called a two-day strike of Euro-

pean shopkeepers in Casablanca in protest against alleged ill-treatment of an arrested police officer.

Most shopkeepers at first ignored the strike call but all later put up their shutters when called on to do so by hundreds of Europeans demonstrating for the release of those detained.

3. THE DYNASTIC PROBLEM

In August 1953 the French deposed Sultan Mohammed V of Morocco, who was regarded as favourable towards the Islamic Nationalist movement.

Previously a powerful group of exiles led by the Pasha of Marrakech, Si Hadj Tami el Glaoui, had disowned the Sultan as their religious leader.

The new Sultan, Mohammed Moulay Ben Arafa, pious and retiring, takes no part in political activities.

The Nationalists demand the return of Mohammed V now living in exile in Madagascar as a prerequisite of any understanding with France.

The French Government has never officially recognised the existence of the dynastic problem. But usually reliable sources said some members of the French Cabinet support a compromise proposal where the present Sultan would retire from the throne Mohammed V would formally abdicate and Morocco would be ruled by a regency council.

Mohammed V has so far refused to consider abdicating and El Glaoui, feudal overlord of thousands of war-like Berber tribesmen had repeatedly stated that neither he nor his followers would accept a change of ruler.

Tunisian-French Guarantees

Paris, July 7.

The Minister of Moroccan and Tunisian Affairs, M. Pierre July, today assured the National Assembly that the French-Tunisian agreement offered all possible guarantees to French people living in Tunisia.

These French people, he declared, had been closely associated by the authorities responsible for drawing up the French-Tunisian agreement.

Addressing the Assembly during the second day of the debate on ratification of the French-Tunisian agreement, M. July pointed out that it was no new idea to grant autonomy to Tunisia.

All French governments since 1950 had prepared the way for granting of this autonomy.

Lennox Boyd For Cyprus

London, July 7.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, is to fly to Cyprus this weekend for talks which will precede the tripartite conference of Greece, Turkey and Britain on Cyprus and East Mediterranean questions, according to a usually well-informed source here.

Today the Colonial Office spokesman said he could neither confirm nor deny the report but it was understood that an official statement on Mr. Lennox Boyd's mission might be made later in the day. —China Mail Special.

Israel's Turn Next?

Tel-Aviv, July 7.

Arab infiltrators from the Egyptian-held Gaza strip opened fire on an Israeli patrol, an Israeli army spokesman asserted today.

The Israeli spokesman charged that the infiltrators had been harvesting on fields in Israeli territory when the Israeli patrol approached.

After a prolonged exchange of fire, the infiltrators retreated to the Gaza strip, the spokesman said.

There were no casualties on the Israeli side, France-Press.

Police Found Girl Dead In Woods



Ten-year-old Evelyn Patricia Higgins went to a hairdresser's after school, stayed an hour and was never seen alive again after leaving the shop, a court was told last month. Before the court, accused of Evelyn's murder, was 42-year-old Ernest Charles Harding (pictured here).

Harding, of Coventry, sat between two police officers in the village hall at Colehill, Warwickshire.

The girl was last seen alive in Coventry on Wednesday, June 8. After she vanished "inquiries were started by Coventry City police and these spread into a nation-wide search." Superintendent Spooner, head of the Warwickshire CID said.

Just after midday on a Saturday the search was concentrated on an area around Stretton-on-Dunsmore and Rugby and as a result, Harding was arrested.

Early on Sunday morning police and Home Office pathologist Professor J. M. Webster went to Shustoke Wood, where they found the girl's body in a grave. — Express Photo.

BRILLIANT YOUNG GENERAL DEAD

Brigadier 'Casey' Vincent

New York, July 7.

The Continental Air Defence Command said late yesterday the cause of death of a brilliant young Air Force general still was listed officially as "undetermined" and that it might be a week before the actual cause was known.

The CADC spokesman said that laboratory tests would have to be made here "and elsewhere" before doctors would be able to determine what caused the sudden death of Brig-General Clinton D. "Casey" Vincent, 40, who was found dead in bed at his quarters here yesterday.

General Vincent, who became a General officer at the age of 42, one of the youngest men to hold such a high rank since the "Boy Generals" of the Civil War, recently had come here to become Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for the Continental Air Defence Command.

NOT ILL

Gen. Vincent had not been ill. He recently had undergone a minor operation for the removal of a cyst from the back of his head but an Air Force spokesman said that there was no indication this had any connection with his death. He had reported here only last Friday for his new assignment.

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Lead Theft Damages Experiments

Sydney, July 8.

POLICE believe that fishermen who wanted sinkers for their nets stole 100 lead bricks from a nuclear research station in a cavern 110 feet deep in the cliffs of South Head, near here.

The bricks are worth about 100 Australian pounds (£80 sterling).

But Professor Harry Messel of Sydney University estimated today that their removal had caused at least 15,000 Australian pounds (£12,000 sterling) damage to cosmic ray experiments.

He explained the bricks, a temporary measure, were shielding highly sensitive photographic plates which had been bombarded by radio active particles and which were being stored while awaiting further nuclear emulsion experiments. They were the only ones in the world exposed to high energy protons. — China Mail Special.

Rome, July 7.

After a brown bear attacked their flocks one night recently, shepherds in this area found that old lamps fixed on tall poles scared the bears away. — China Mail Special.

US NAVY PLANS ANTARCTIC FLIGHT

Washington, July 7.

The US Navy intends to fly six planes from New Zealand to the Antarctic continent next November in an early phase of the planned big Antarctic expedition.

The planes will land on snow runways prepared previously by crews of six Navy ships which will go to the Antarctic earlier. A Navy spokesman said on Thursday the planes will consist of two P2V Neptune patrol planes, two RTDs (C-54 type) and two R4Ds (DC-3) with special fuel tanks and other equipment to extend range.

TASK FORCE

A task force of surface ships will be deployed along the 2,040 nautical mile air route between Christchurch, New Zealand, and McMurdo Sound, the point in the Antarctic where the runway will be built. They will serve as navigation aids and as rescue vessels if needed over a route where Antarctic storms make flying as difficult as anywhere in the world.

The six big planes will fly out over the same route and head for home sometime in February or March.

Captain George Dufek, task force commander, now is in Europe discussing details of the "international geophysical year" programme. In the Antarctic in which several major powers will join in scientific studies on the remote, uninhabited continent that surrounds the South Pole. — Associated Press.

Bulgaria Asks For Release Of Consul

Istanbul, July 7.

Bulgaria handed a note to the Turkish Foreign Ministry today claiming that the arrest of Mr. George Cholokoff, Bulgarian Vice-Consul here on charges of spying, was unjust, and that he should therefore be released.

A Government spokesman announced the arrest of Mr. Cholokoff three days ago, claiming him as a leader of an alleged Bulgarian espionage ring. — Reuter.

Hurt By Lightning

New Albany, Ind., July 7.

A flash of lightning injured three boys here yesterday as they were on their way to help a policeman who was injured by a second bolt which struck at almost the same spot. — China Mail Special.

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IN AMERICA TODAY

Mr Blitz Gambles On An Idea

By HENRY LOWRIE

Washington. Those who grow rich off the gamblers' stardom, incredulously when real estate developer Norman Blitz began building a \$3,250,000 Nevada hotel that will have neither gambling tables nor a floor show.

Yet Mr Blitz is a gambler himself; his gamble is that the hotel will pay by attracting sportsmen.

He believes that for every 10 men who want to "shoot" dice there are a hundred who would rather shoot birds.

So his hotel, to be named Holiday, will have two 1,000-acre game farms stocked with pheasant, quail, and partridge. In the kennels will be setters, pointers, and Labradors. Each hunting party which will have its choice of hotel guns, will be able to "rent" 20 birds to shoot at.

Fee \$5 per bird.

The hotel lake will abound with trout which can be cooked immediately for the lucky fisherman or quick frozen and sent to his home.

REMEMBER last year's fuss about Phoenix City, Arizona, "the wickedest city in the United States," when crime-busting Attorney General Albert Patterson was murdered? Phoenix now calls itself "pure and crime free." It is on the short list of 22 for selection as the city that has done most to solve its local problems.

WHO hides the "news"? A Congressional inquiry has started into the question of sealed lips in Government circles.

The attack is directed mainly at the Defense Department.

Said Congressman John Moss as he took charge of the investigation: "I don't think we have to spoon-feed the American public, but they are entitled to know what their Government does."

SHOPPERS should use buses, City manager L. P. Cookington of Kansas City, said. It would ease traffic congestion and help the hard-hit transport companies.

He also says the fares should be paid by the shopper.

IN APRIL 1954 3,000 men of the United Automobile Workers' Union struck in Kohler, Wisconsin.

They are still holding out for seven cents an hour more. At that rate it will take them 36 years to make up the \$11,000,000 they have so far lost in wages.

DEMAND for a "far-reaching" Congressional investigation into American boxing was made in the House by Representative Thomas Lane.

He questioned whether it was a sport or a racket. So many people, he said, own a "piece" of a promising young fighter that he resembles a commodity rather than an athlete.

GEORGE HEARST, son of the late William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper owner, was still married to wife No. 4 when he married again, ruled Justice McNally in New York.

Hearst argued that his fourth marriage to Sandra Rambeau, was invalid because it was only four hours after his divorce No. 3.

AT 76, Edward Steichen is taking up photography again.

He spent the last three years examining two million photographs from 68 countries, including Britain, for his 503-photo exhibition "The Family of Man."

Of his renewed urge to make pictures he says: "So many things I want to photograph people... things... growth. I want to be free."

FOR 10 years nobody in Short Hills, New Jersey, has been poor enough to live in the poor-house.

Now the rural district council will pull it down and make its 43 acres into a park.

Short Hills is one of the six wealthiest communities in the United States.

THE FIVE ACES

by VALENTINE DYALL



"I don't play cards with Dyall," he said, in a hard voice.

"No, I'm afraid not that one," I said with a firmness which I hoped matched his.

"What that one?" he insisted.

"I'll give you a lovely set of San Marino."

"Don't want San Marino—want a card-trick."

"I'll show you a card-trick," I cut in desperately.

His concentration faltered for a second. Like a flash, I snatched up a pack from the table—I had been playing Idiot's Delight—and embarked on my one card-trick.

A warning

"Soppy," he sneered, when the Jogerdenman was over. His eye strayed back to the stamp-album.

"Know any card-games?" I asked, staking everything on a last throw.

"Best-Your-Neighbour-Out-of-Doors."

"That the same as Beggar-My-Neighbour?" I asked humbly.

He conceded that it was. And here I made my biggest mistake. It was a long time since I had played—Beggars-My-Neighbour and I had a hazy memory, entirely inaccurate as it proved, that the wretched game was played with two packs. Let me warn you never to play Beggar-My-Neighbour with two packs.

Winning cards

The game becomes endearing, picking oskum seems stimulating compared with what you are going through. After a period of time, which I estimate roughly at between two and three millennia, I decided that something must be done before I became permanently paralysed with boredom. So I began to cheat—not, please understand, to win—but to lose and be done with the infernal pastime. I stealthily secreted winning cards—the aces and court-cards—under sofa-cushions under my chair. Wherever I could. But the little hellion kept noticing them and, with a chivalrous solicitude utterly foreign to his nature, insisted that they must be mine. So the game wore on and on.

At last I managed to escape the vigilance of his glittering little eyes, by hiding my winners, under the pretext of scratching my head, down the back of my coat, and the game drew to its weary close. Little Arthur gave a yelp of triumph and, at that moment, to my inexpressible relief, his Frankenstein of a father came upstairs to carry him off.

I shook the loose cards out of my coat and, after waiting a minute or two to make sure Little Arthur was safely out of the house, went in search of a drink. My father very fairly said I deserved one and poured me a stiff whisky. After a while I recovered and decided to pay a call on the girl I was after at the time.

A blank

I walked towards Sloane Square. In those days there was a flower shop almost next to the Royal Court Hotel. I considered that I should look more



DID IT HAPPEN?

ALL this happened a distressingly long time ago—when I was 19. On looking back, it seems to me that there was a highly improbable atmosphere of the Wild West about the whole affair—an atmosphere quite inappropriate to my very ordinary lodgings at Oxford.

The only explanation I can offer is that the character in the drama who inspired the ugly scene was an American—and a Texan at that. He was a Rhodes scholar and while, in general, he was quiet and inoffensive, there were occasions, such as Independence Day, Washington's birthday, and so on, when he would kick up his heels quite surprisingly.

Lone wolf

He would get together with other Americans and sing "Sweet Adeline" in close harmony and cry "Yippee" at irrelevant intervals. All good, clean fun, but there was a moment you had to watch out for, and that was when his eyes narrowed and went red. Then he would become very still and announce, in a covered-wagon sort of voice, that he was a lone wolf from Bitter Creek and you were going to hear him howl. And you did. A most arresting noise it was too.

It seldom came to anything serious; a Junior Bursar hunted down the High with whips and threats of scolding—the Lone Wolf was fit, and it would look at the time as though he meant it—or an attempt to roast a bicycle wheel at the base of the Martyr's Memorial; the usual harmless undergraduate pranks.

Invariably, he would remember nothing the following morning, and be deeply grieved to hear of his violent behaviour of the night. He had a heart of gold and his name was Sam.

One evening—we had just gone up after the Long Vac—Sam and a few others had been

having a drink in my rooms after dinner. I had thought that Sam was possibly a trifle high, when he arrived, but as the date did not coincide with any of the major happenings of America's history, I felt reasonably assured that the Lone Wolf was not about to strike again. We had a passion for poker that year and, inevitably, somebody proposed a game. We all thought this a good idea—all of us, that is, except Sam. He refused to play—bizarrely, I looked at him in surprise, because he was something of a serious gambler. The others began to press him. He shook his head.

"I don't play cards with Dyall," he said in a hard voice.

"Don't play cards with any other card-sharp for that matter."

I was thunderstruck, and pretty angry.

"Sam, what the hell are you talking about?" I demanded.

"You know damn well," he said, thickly—I had not realised how really stewed he was—getting to his feet. "He knows what I'm talking about, tellers—ask him—have him tell you."

He looked at me for a moment, and then I remembered, and stopped short.

"Well," I said. "And this is the story I had to tell, to explain Sam's accusation."

"What was Sam getting at?" asked someone.

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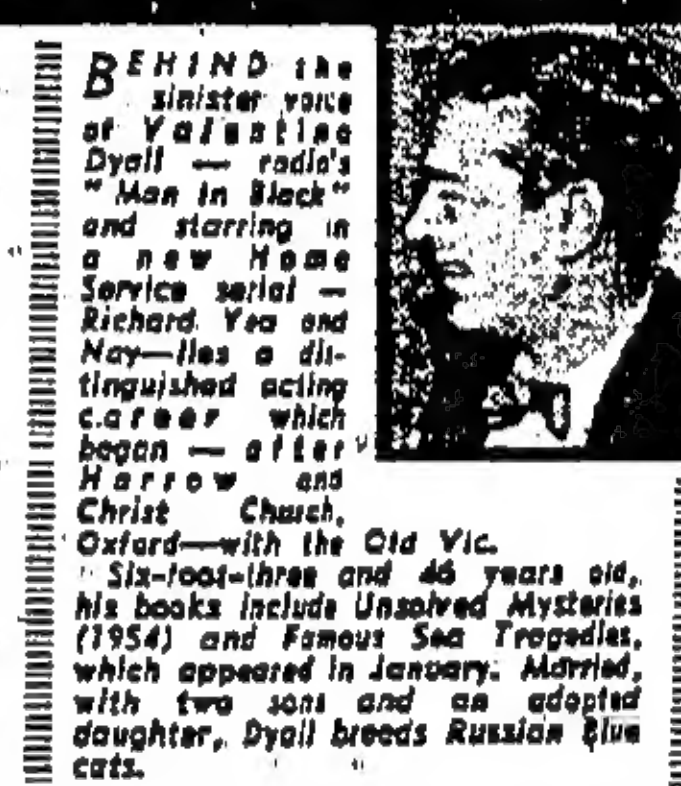
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ENGLAND 264 FOR 7 AGAINST SOUTH AFRICANS AT MANCHESTER

Manchester, July 7.

At the close of play on the first day of the third Test against the South African tourists, England were 264 runs for seven wickets.

One could sense the sympathy of the spectators, already sweltering in the heat, for the South Africans when May won the toss and England opened the innings.

The good natured feelings were wasted, for within 40 minutes, the tourists had taken two chances and sent back Kenyon and Gurney, England's first wicket pair, for 22 runs.

The successful bowlers were Heine and Adcock, but wholeheartedly as they bowled, they were indebted to the batsmen for errors which should have been avoided.

The first ball of Adcock's second over brought the sudden end of Gurney for a duck. The tall Gloucestershire player found himself forced into hurried defence by a ball which lifted. And the midline deflection flew off the bat straight to Tayfield at backward short leg.

Four byes from each bowler helped to encourage the English cricketers, but they were silenced again when Kenyon, soon after midday, practically hung off his bat to Heine and snicked a catch to the wicket-keeper, standing well back.

FIRST BOUNDARY

May soon made clear his intentions with a crisp cut for four off Heine—the first boundary—but Compton began to feel the heat of the sun as he glanced Adcock only inches beyond the outstretched arm of Heine at leg slip, then a stroke off the fast bowler sent the hearts of the spectators into their mouths.

Heine bounced one, Compton tried a "tennis smash" but fortunately for him, the ball, after veering up in the air, fell just out of reach of McLean.

These worrying moments past, Compton and his captain, with firm stylish strokes which left the field standing, raised the first hopes of an English recovery.

May looked supremely confident in his off-driving, but he flattered only to deceive, for when he seemed about to slash Godard with a stroke half-cut, half-drive, into the safe hands of Mansell at slip.

ROWING

Kings Cup Winner Likely To Compete In 1956 Games

Adelaide, Australia, July 8.

An unexpected victory in the recent Kings Cup Rowing Championship here firmly established the victorious Western Australian "eight" as likely Australian representatives for the 1956 Olympic Games.

The West Australian crew caused the upset of the Australian rowing season when they brilliantly stroked their way to a two-and-a-half length victory over the strongly fancied Victorian crew.

New South Wales, second favourite for the event, finished a similar distance away third. The West Australians covered the three miles in 15:40.5.

Western Australia last won the classic in Melbourne in 1938. Its latest victory was the fifth the isolated State has won in the 87 times the Cup was competed for.

The Victorian crew, holders of the trophy for the past three years were pre-race favourites. But despite a desperate effort by all nine men in the Victorian shell they could not match the high rating of the physically perfect West Aussies.

Rowing CRACKING PACE Over the smooth Port Adelaide course the West Australians set a cracking pace and never fell below the high rating of 36 strokes to the minute.

Rowing with machine-like precision the West Australian crew were never headed. The Australian Rowing Council at its annual meeting decided earlier, that the winning crew

Jaroslav Drobný In Semi-Finals

Birmingham, July 7.

Jaroslav Drobný of Egypt, the title-holder, entered the semi-finals of the Men's Singles of the Midland Counties Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

In his quarter-final match Drobný beat Ian Vermaak, South Africa, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. In the semi-final of the Women's Singles Mrs Helen Redick-Smith, South Africa, beat title-holder Miss Heather Brewer, Bermuda, 2-6, 8-6, 6-4.

Miss Beryl Penrose, Australia, beat Miss Mary Carter, Australia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 in the semi-final game.—United Press.

South-East Asian Boxing Championship Needs Two More Entries

Singapore, July 7.

Two more entries are needed to make the holding of the first South-East Asian Amateur Boxing Championship possible, said Mr B. L. Dunsford, Secretary of the Singapore Amateur Boxing Association, today.

He announced that Burma was the first of the nine countries invited to accept the invitation to send a team to Singapore for the Championship. A week ago Mr Dunsford was afraid that the contest might have to be scrapped.

The SABA Secretary said, in addition to the Burmese acceptance, Hongkong and the Philippines have agreed to send teams and indicated interest. Mr Dunsford is hopeful that both Hongkong and the Philippines will compete. He said that two more entries would be needed to make the Championship an official meeting.

He is awaiting replies from Australia, Ceylon, Thailand and Persia.

On the suggestion of the Philippines Amateur Boxing Association, Mr Dunsford said.—United Press.



The Giants' Decline Turns The 1955 Baseball Season Upside Down

By JOE REICHLER

New York, July 6.

The decline of the World Champion New York Giants, the fast pace of the Brooklyn Dodgers, assorted injuries to Cleveland's key men and unexpected brilliance by the New York Yankees' relief pitchers combined to turn the 1955 baseball season upside down.

Other factors that helped change the entire baseball picture in both the National and American Leagues were the unlooked for rapid development of the Chicago Cubs' and Detroit Tigers' youngsters, the return of Ted Williams and his booming bat and the refusal of such low-regarded clubs as Kansas City and Pittsburgh to play dead.

The biggest surprise of all, however, during the first half of the season, was the turnabout in the fortunes of the Giants. Pre-season prediction by baseball experts were practically unaltered in the belief that the National League race would be one of the most fiercely fought in years with at least six teams in contention most of the way.

The same experts predicted a runaway race in the American League with Cleveland, New York and Chicago clubs in front that the only way the other five clubs could see them was with a telescope.

Just the opposite has happened. The halfway mark finds Brooklyn far out in front, threatening to sew up the National League flag by early September, nearly a month before the season's end.

Although the big three in the American League leads the race, its position is threatened by the pair of "superstars," Boston and Detroit. The Red Sox, in particular, are scaring the daylights out of the Yankees, White Sox and Indians. They've won 25 of their last 31 and are hotter than the current 95 degree weather.

MIDWAY MARK

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SURREY CONTINUE ON THEIR TRIUMPHANT WAY

London, July 7.

Centuries by young Michael Stewart and Bernard Constable were the highlights at the Oval today where Surrey continued on their triumphant way with first innings points against Leicestershire.

The Champions, without Test bowlers Tony Lock and Alec Bedser and the injured Peter Loader were set a difficult task when Leicestershire declared at their overnight score of 314 for nine, but the two century-makers helped them to pass this total with five wickets in hand.

Stewart took more than four hours over his 105—his second successive century. Constable's hundred took an hour less and his third wicket stand of 178 with Stewart became the highest for any Surrey wicket this season.

Yorkshire, their chief rivals in the County Championship battle, also took first innings points at Huddersfield, where they dismissed Glamorgan for 245 after declaring at 381 for six.

Willie Jones, the little Glamorgan left-hander, saved his side from a complete collapse with 79, including ten fours, in 2½ hours. Yorkshire were 235 runs on at the close with seven second innings wickets in hand.

Doug Padgett, the 20-year-old colt, playing his first game this season, followed his 96 in the first innings with 64 including ten fours scored in 80 minutes.

Sussex bowlers took the honours at Eastbourne, where Gloucestershire were beaten by an innings and 173 runs with a day to spare.

Sussex declared at their overnight total of 443 for seven and then twice wicketed the Gloucestershire innings with left-arm bowler Don Smith claiming a match analysis of six for 31.

Jack Crapp hit 101 including a six and 13 fours in three hours 38 minutes in Gloucester's first innings.

R. Jenkins, Worcestershire's left hander and gently bowler, took five Kent wickets for 39 at Worcester in 14 overs and put his side on the road to their first victory this season.

Kent dismissed for 112 in their first innings, need 256 to win with six wickets standing.

TOUR DE FRANCE

Spain's Poblet Leads The Field After First Lap Speed Test

Dieppe, France, July 7.

Miguel Poblet, Spain, was the overall leader in the Tour de France after the first lap in two hours 55 minutes 29 seconds. Poblet won the lap this morning and clocked 16:58 seconds in a 12.5 kms. speed test this afternoon.

Other overall results were: 2. Louis Caput, France, 2:55:55; 3. Wagnmans, Holland, 2:55:56; 4. Astrua and Coletto, Italy, 2:56:14.

49 Golfers In Final Two Rounds

London, July 7.

Forty-nine golfers qualified to take part in the final two rounds of the British Open Championships at St. Andrews tomorrow. Leaders at the halfway stage after the second round tonight were as follows: Peter Thomson of Australia, holder and favourite, D. F. Snodgrass of Cardiff and Eric Brown from Buchanan Castle course were bracketed at 139.

John Fallon from Huddersfield was next with 140 and at 141 three English golfers, Bernard Hunt, Frank Towle and John Jacobs.

Bobby Locke of South Africa had 143, Antonio Cerda of the Argentine had 144, Ed. Furgol and Byron Nelson of the United States were bracketed in eighth place at 147. American amateur Joe Conrad had 148.—France Press.

RUSSIAN SOCCER TEAM BEATEN

London, July 7.

The Milan football team of Italy defeated the Russian Dynamo Club, 4-2, at Moscow.—Associated Press.

Hongkong Soccer Team Against New Zealand

London, July 8.

The Hongkong Chinese soccer team to play New Zealand in the third Test at Carlaw Park, Auckland tomorrow afternoon was announced today as: Lau Kin-chun; Sze Yiu, Lau Yee, Luk Tai-hay, Ko Po-keung, Chu Wai-wah, Ho Chung-yu, Chu Wing-keung, Yiu Chai-yin, Mok Chiu-wah, Tong Shien.

Reserves: Lau Chai-yin, Tang Sum, Sze Man, Lee Yik-lak.—Reuter.

Professional Golfers Top Prize Winners

Chicago, July 7.

Mike Souchak of Grossinger, New York, led the men professional golfers in earnings today with \$17,548. Louise Sugges of Sea Island, Georgia, led the women pros with \$10,458.

Cary Middlecott, who has won four tournaments this season more than any other golfer, trailed Souchak with \$16,653, the Professional Golfers Association announced.

Other top money-winners are Gene Littler of Palm Springs, California, third with \$14,722; Bob Rosburg, San Francisco, fourth, \$13,002; Billy Maxwell, Texas, fifth, with \$12,788; Ted Kroll, New Hartford, New York, sixth, \$12,208; Dow Finsterwald, High Point, North Carolina, seventh, \$9,967; Chandler Harper, Portsmouth, Virginia, eighth, with \$9,644; Jerry Barber, Los Angeles, ninth, \$9,180; Johnny Palmer, Charlotte, North Carolina, tenth with \$8,126.

Patty Berg of Chicago followed Miss Sugges with winnings of \$8,890, with Faye Crocker of Montevideo, Uruguay, winner of the Women's National Open, third, with \$8,276.—United Press.

Doctor Sues Dodgers' President

New York, July 7.

Walker O'Malley, President of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was sued for \$500,000 for slander today by the doctor who operated on Roy Campanella, the Dodgers' catcher.

The suit grew out of remarks allegedly made by Mr. O'Malley after Dr. Samuel Shennan charged Campanella \$9,500 for the operation. O'Malley reportedly said the operation was "unnecessary" and that the price was "exorbitant" and that "it appears Dr. Shennan thought he was operating on Roy's bankroll."

In the complaint served on O'Malley, Dr. Shennan charged that his practice had suffered because of the remarks. Dr. Shennan performed a second operation on Campanella last October 20 after previous surgery by a physician on the Dodgers' staff. Campanella originally had refused to pay and was sued for the \$9,500.—United Press.

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF Alice
Florence Duxon, otherwise
known as Alice Florence Duxon,
late of No. 1, Yuen Po Street,
1st floor, Kowloon, in the
County of Hong Kong Married
Woman deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Court has by virtue of Section
25 of the Probate and Administration
Ordinance Chapter 10 made an Order
limiting the time for creditors and
others to send in their claims
against the above estate to the 4th
day of August 1955.

All creditors and others are ac-
cordingly hereby required to send
their claims to the undersigned on
or before that date.
Dated the 7th day of July, 1955.
A. J. ARCUILL
Solicitor for the Administrator
of the Estate of the above
named deceased with the will
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"CANCER OF THE EARTH"

Australia Loses Millions Of Acres Of Land

Sydney, July 7.

Throughout the Australian state of New South Wales an intensive Government Publicity campaign is proclaiming the menace of soil erosion.

"Cancer of the Earth" is one eye-shocking description which the State's Department of Conservation splashed across a whole page advertisement in mass-circulation Sunday newspapers in the State. A telling picture showed how uncontrolled waters could scoop away the good earth leaving the deep, ugly scars of erosion gullies.

At Sydney's Royal Easter Show, mecca of the State's farmers, an exhibit seen by thousands drew home the message that soil water and timber are the three basic natural resources on which Australian wealth rests and must be conserved and used efficiently.

The State Government, with a Minister of Conservation, is facing up to a giant problem. Statistics show that the eastern divisions of New South Wales, the State's richest areas, have lost 1,000,000 acres of once-productive land.

These have been "completely and permanently lost through uncontrolled, unchecked soil erosion," the Department says.

PICTURES TALK

The publicity campaign comes at a time when about one-third of New South Wales is slowly recovering from the worst floods in the country's history, which devastated large areas earlier this year. The flood damage is still being assessed and reports still reveal a pitiful tale of ruined farmland, dead stock and sheep, and ruined homes and businesses.

This is the sort of language which the Department's publicists use to describe the menace of erosion.

"Advanced soil erosion is a terrible, awesome thing. Right there, under your very eyes, is land slowly dying. Maybe it is already dead. The birds and animals have gone. No trees. No life. Only dull brown land; cracked, ravined, canyoned; hills furrowed with eroded gullies; havoc as of an H-bomb."

"When you look at advanced erosion, you are looking at the shameful ruin of land which has fed generations of Australians and which, if it had been cared for and protected, could have nourished generations to come."

To meet this challenge, conservation officers in 55 country towns and cities are giving free advice on erosion problems and are ready to plan conservation schemes for individual farmers.

The service will also make low interest advances available to farmers to carry out this work.

ASSISTANCE

In six years the conservation officers have assisted 4,000 properties with a total area of nearly 6,000,000 acres. The main methods used, a combination of changed land use and reduction of run-off of rain, by pasture furrowing and larger earthworks where necessary, has brought stability to the soil of these millions of acres which will continue to improve in productivity.

Another allied work in New South Wales is the irrigation of rich lands in areas where rainfall is either scanty or chancy. One of the biggest irrigation areas is the Riverina, between the Murray and the Murrumbidgee.

These officers described one method as "water-farming." The idea is to conserve by dams and carefully-planned drainage, all the water which falls on a given property. This is stored and pumped back to the pastures in dry weather.

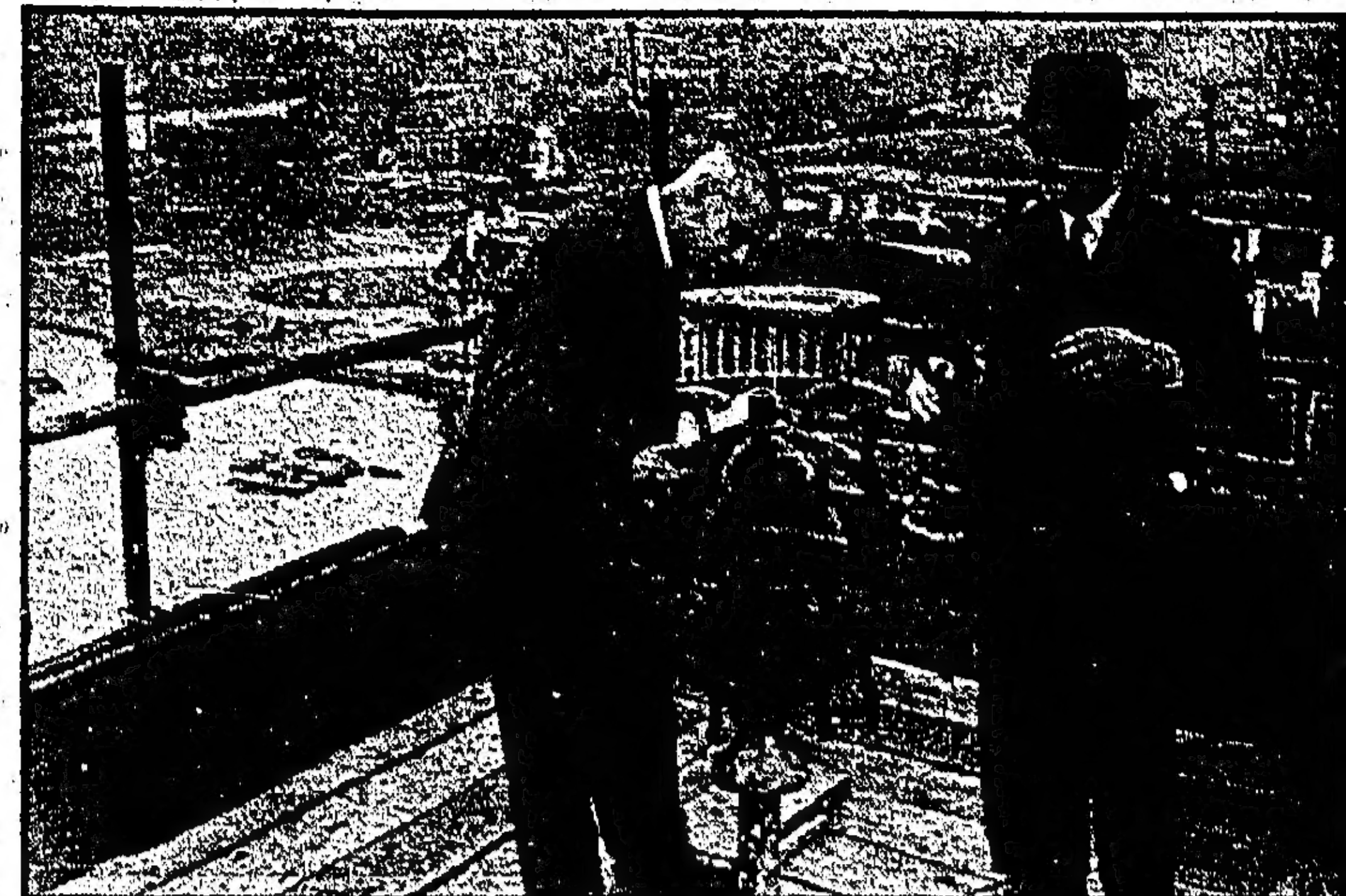
In some areas, where farms are fortunate enough to be able to tap artesian reservoirs, the officers advise where to put down bores and how to construct works.

Travellers in New South Wales can see many examples of the Government-sponsored conservation work.

Along many of the main highways, properties have been "contoured" with furrows running across the slope of the land to stop the rapid run-off of water in rain.

In many gullies, earth dams have been built to hold the water saved.

On river flats, glistening silver irrigation canals are now a common sight in dry seasons. Portable pumps on the rivers force water at high pressure through giant spray guns to shoot the life-giving spray over acres of pastures.—China Mail Special.



A picture taken at the very top of the Big Ben Clock Tower at Westminster showing Mr. J. W. Worrick (left), the Ministry of Works (Historic Buildings Section) Architect, and Mr. W. R. Payne, Senior Clerk to the Ministry of Works, Houses of Parliament, having a close inspection of the cross and orb which adorns the point. The famous clock-tower has been surrounded in miles of tubular scaffolding for a thorough examination and restoration of the stonework and Pressmen were permitted to go up to the top.—Central Press Photo.

Conan Doyle Reburied

Minster London, July 7. — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, was reburied on Thursday in Britain's New Forest—an ancient hunting ground that was the scene of his story, The White Company. Lady Conan Doyle, the writer's second wife, was reburied also in a churchyard in the wooded region in southwest Hampshire named in 1979 and converted to a hunting preserve by William I. Both bodies were exhumed last week from a grave at Crowborough, the family home.—Associated Press.

Couple Refuses To Give Up Child

Boston, July 7.

A Jewish couple who refused to surrender a Catholic-born foster child to her natural mother were cited for contempt of court today.

The citation was issued in the Norfolk Probate Court at Dedham against Mr and Mrs Melvin Ellis, who have raised four-year-old Hildy McCoy since she was 10 days old.

Hildy's mother, Mrs. Marjorie McCoy Doherty, now wants her back so she can be placed in a Catholic foster home.

Mrs. Doherty's attorney, John McCauliffe, obtained the contempt citation from the Register of Probate, Anna Hirsch. The Ellises, now in hiding with Hildy somewhere in the State, were ordered to appear and answer the charges on July 18.

LATEST MANOEUVRE

The contempt order was the latest in a series of legal manoeuvres in the battle over Hildy's custody. James Zisman, an attorney representing the Ellises, ap-

peared in Supreme Court here yesterday to contest the validity of an arrest order issued for them. He claimed his clients were threatened with arrest for contempt without a hearing on contempt charges.

The Supreme Court Justice, Raymond Wilkins, after obtaining an informal promise the arrests would not be carried out at this time, postponed a hearing on the arrest order to July 20, two days after the Ellises are scheduled to answer today's contempt citation.

Ellis said he was "prepared to go to jail" rather than give up the child.—United Press.

New Approach To East Germans

Berlin, July 7.

The East German Communist party has warned its men in the field that they must secure more work for the same pay as the industrial workers.

The emphasis is to be on "enlightenment" and the "ideological approach" rather than the "hammer-blow technique" which yields stubborn resistance and helped to cause the uprising in June 1953.

Since the need for higher industrial productivity has never been greater, Western Allied officials here believe that the cautious approach is due to fear of the popular mood.

Refugees from, as well as public utterances in, East Germany have given a picture of restlessness and grumbling among the people under the strain of constant Communist threats of "counter-measures" against West German rearmament.

MILITARY SERVICE

Fear of compulsory military service has increased the number of youthful refugees. Fear of an impending build-up of strategic reserves has started widespread hoarding, in some items—quite insignificant in fact—has sent housewives on panic buying sprees.

Nevertheless, the pressing needs of the East German economy made it imperative for the Central Committee of the Communist party at its 21st meeting last December to issue an urgent call for greater productivity.

How that aim is to be achieved without further deteriorating the temper of the people has now been explained in Neuer Weg, a periodical published by the Central Committee for the guidance of its regional officials.

The most difficult subject remains the raising of working norms, which are the number of items to be produced or handled in a given time. Arbitrarily raised norms were the spark which set off the riots in June 1953.

THE AIM

The aim of the Central Committee is to replace the present norms by what they call "technically justified working norms," adjusted to take into account

THE SOLUTION

"That means that the solution of the norms problem must rest in the first place with the political-ideological work of the party and trade union organisations in the workshops."

Neuer Weg says that the norm adjudicators must be careful to start work in departments when new machines and improved techniques have not yet made the old norms obsolete. If the workers themselves have introduced small improvements resulting in faster work, the norms should not be raised for at least a year. Newly imposed norms, too, should be guaranteed for about a year and subject to further increased except for substantial technical or organizational improvements are made. The worker must be told he need not lose a penny upon the introduction of new norms because the labour law provides a special fund for making up his average pay during the transition period from old norms to new.

"During this time, the worker has a chance to get used to the new system, to improve his own work and thus eventually to return to his old standard of norm overfulfilment and resulting efficiency pay," Neuer Weg says.

TOUCHES THE HEART

This paragraph touches the heart of the matter, namely the individual worker's weekly wage packet. The "transitional pay" up to his old average is intended to take the sting out of the "more work for the same pay" order.

After that, he will have to comfort himself with the promise of the Central Committee last December "that the workers' wages will eventually be higher, even after the norms are raised, if they are qualified properly and the necessary technical and organizational improvements are made."

The trouble seems to be that the East German workers lack faith in "technical and organizational improvements" as the sole means of enabling them to overfulfil raised norms and thus to keep their present wages.—China Mail Special.

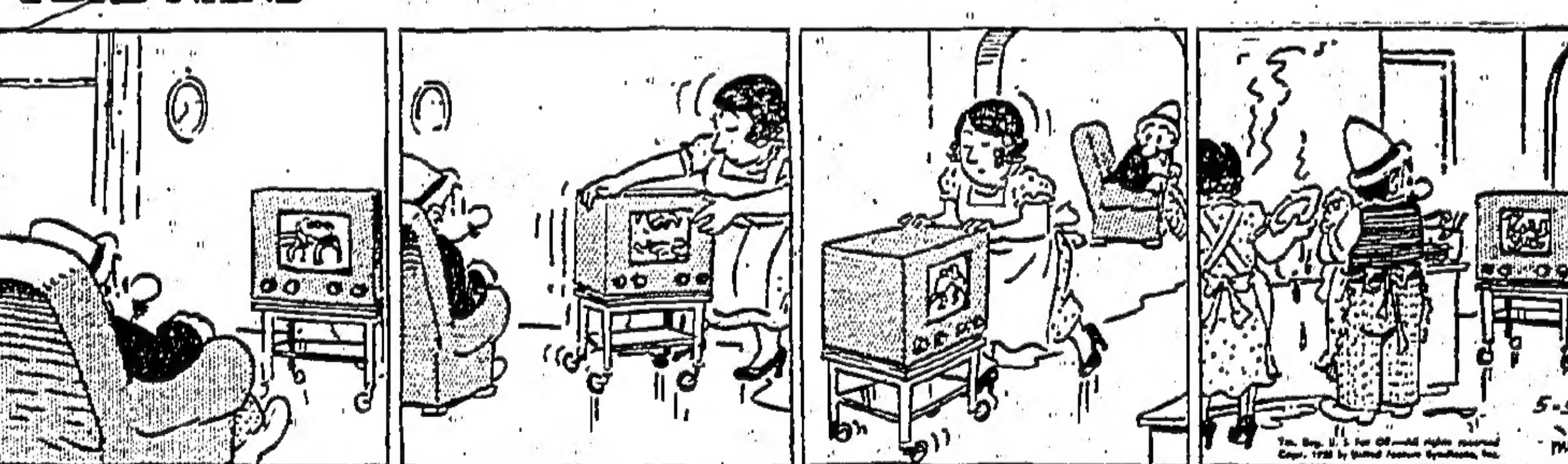
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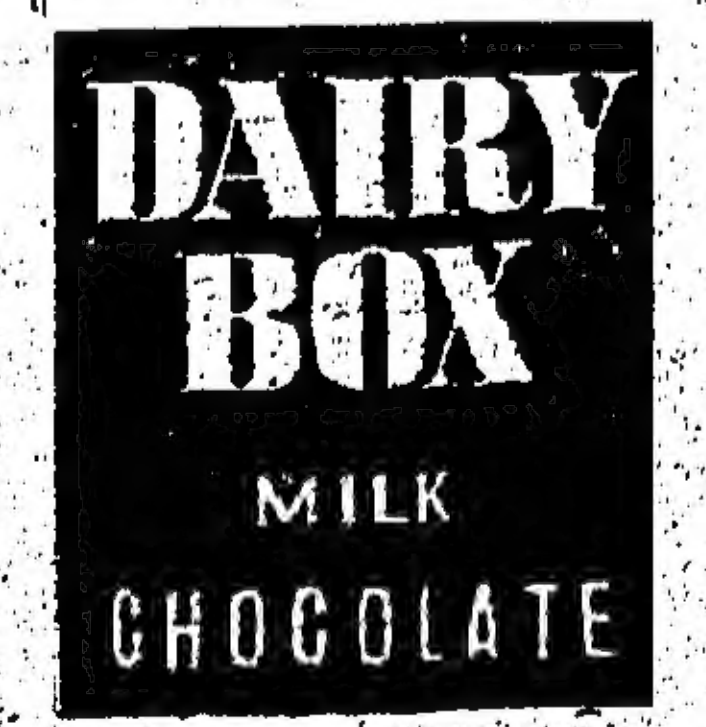
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Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 4 p.m.
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Michael Goes Home

MICHAEL stood on a corner of the Strand and a street that ran down to the river. A lean man, with a shock of black hair, a chin blue with bristles, and restless, hungry, dark eyes.

He looked like a man with time-and-a-half on his hands, an idler, doing overtime, but as an elderly couple approached, Michael suddenly shed his lethargy.

He hustled up to the couple, stayed them for a moment, and a few words in a soft Irish brogue, and as they moved on, walked alongside them, with an open-palmed hand held under their noses.

The old couple shook Michael off at last and he returned to his corner and resumed his old, tired stance.

KERRY MEMORIES

THEN two priests came in sight, and Michael, whose horte was in County Kerry and who regarded priests with proper piety and more than a little hope, went into action in the same way as before. But the priests shook their heads when he spoke to them.

Chastened, Michael mooched down the side street. A policeman followed him, and heard him say, as he stopped another man: "Could you be sparing me the price of a cup of coffee, now, mister?"

The other shook his head and went away. The policeman arrested Michael for begging.

JUST SALUTING

A Bow Street Michael pleaded not guilty, and the policeman told his story to Mr. R.H. Blundell. "At the station, this man was searched," he said. "He had no money on him."

"Listen, sir," Michael said, "it was just I saw the priest and I saluted him, as they passed, for I never let priests go by without I salute them."

The officer says that he heard you ask one man for the price of a cup of coffee, the magistrate reminded him.

FINANCIAL EMBARRASSMENT

"SURE there was one chap, sir, who come up and asked me where he could get a cup of coffee, and I said to him about being a stranger myself, and I said I was in financial embarrassment a little, owing to the £4 or £5 I had being gone on the drink. I may have said to this chap that I wouldn't mind a cup of coffee."

Michael paused, to allow the generous admission to sink in. "What were you doing on the street corner?"

"I was just standing there for a quarter of an hour, and I was just going down to the park to have a read of the paper, when the officer gentleman comes up and takes me arm."

"I'm quite satisfied that you were begging," said the magistrate, and asked if anything were known about Michael.

MAGNANIMOUS

"NO previous record for this kind of offence, sir," the officer answered. "He's a man of 41, and came over here two months ago. He did some casual work, but has been unemployed for the last five weeks. Until two days ago, he lived with his father in London, but then there was a row, and he walked out."

"I'll go back there, I'll go back to me father's place today," Michael said with magnanimity.

"Look here, people who beg are not wanted in this country," said the magistrate. "This time I'll discharge you conditionally, but if you do this kind of thing in the future, you'll go to prison."

"Quite correct, sir," Michael said, "quite correct," and he nodded his head in grave approval of so excellent a principle. Then he strode off towards his father's home, hurrying to be there in time for luncheon. Fatted calf, said his hungry eyes, would go down very well, very well indeed.

Eden Explains West's Aims

(Continued from Page 1)

"But that does not mean that we ought not all of us, including the Germans, to try to work out methods which will reduce the dangers so far as we can."

On the unity of Germany, he said, in all the Geneva discussions "we are going to be in very close touch with the federal German government with whom we have treaty engagements."

Both Dr. Konrad Adenauer and the Opposition in Germany have said with emphasis that there is no analogy between Germany and Austria, and that the neutralisation of Germany will not do.

"I agree with them," he said. "I am sure that we can find an approach to the problem of German reunification which is more realistic and constructive than that."

The Premier added: "It has been under the protection of NATO that we have dwelt in peace these years. NATO and the Western European Union have made these negotiations at Geneva possible."—Reuter.

Heavy Rains Cause Deaths

Tokyo, July 7. Two people were killed and a third missing today in widespread floods caused by torrential rains in Japan's southern island of Kyushu, police reported.

Police said 1,272 houses were flooded in Saga prefecture, in the northern end of the island. In the same area hundreds of acres of farmland were under water.

Heavy rains had earlier caused widespread floods in Hokkaido, northern Japan.—Reuter.

US Govt Official & "Miss X"

Questions Asked By Investigators

Washington, July 7. Government worker George V. McDavitt, a slender, bespectacled man, and a German girl referred to only as "Miss X," were in the spotlight on Thursday before a Senate civil service sub-committee.

The sub-committee, investigating President Eisenhower's employment security programme, asked McDavitt if he sponsored the immigration from Germany of "Miss X." McDavitt said he did, but when asked if he had "formed a liaison" with the girl, he replied he did not know what was meant.

PROTESTS

McDavitt protested bitterly that the sub-committee was delving into his personal affairs. The questions about "Miss X" went back to the time when McDavitt was an investigator in Germany for the now defunct Displaced Persons Commission.

Paul C. Hadlick, sub-committee counsel asked McDavitt if, prior to the arrival of his wife in Germany he had "formed a liaison with a German girl."

Although protesting he didn't know what was meant by a liaison, McDavitt said, "I met local girls."

Hadlick did not say what he meant by "liaison," but instead passed on to other matters.

GAVE ASSURANCE

Under further questioning, McDavitt testified he had given the required employment assurance for the girl when she applied for permanent immigration to this country.

The government employee security programme, which McDavitt now helps administer, permits dismissal of a government worker for a variety of reasons. Among those set out in a presidential order are "any criminal, infamous, dishonest, immoral or notoriously disgraceful conduct."

McDavitt is now security officer of a government agency called the Small Business Administration (SBA), which attempts to look after the interests of small businessmen in the US.—Associated Press.

Speed Up Work Request

London, July 7. Communist China's Defence Minister, General Peng Teh-huai, has wired railway construction units working along the South China coast asking them to push hard with a new railway to Amoy, the Communist port opposite Nationalist-held Quanzhou.

It said the railway would run from Yingtan, in northeastern Kiangsi province, about 300 miles southeast, to Amoy. Observers here said the new rail link will make it possible for the Chinese Communists to ship military supplies to Amoy from Shanghai by rail for the first time.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00 Children's Half Hour; 6.15 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland; 6.30 The Trial of the Queen of Hearts (BBC); 6.45 Popular Song Parade; 7.00 A. J. Cameron Dance Party; 7.15 Viewpoint; 7.30 Weekly Magazine devoted to the Arts; Edited and introduced by Janet Tomblin; 7.45 A Talk by Colin Jackson; 8.00 Book Review by The Rev. Father T. F. Ryan; 8.15 Private Lives of the Great Composers by B. Green; 8.30 The History of the Cinema by Hugh Sullivan; 8.45 When the Fleeting Shadows; 9.00 Weather Report; 9.15 The Sign of the Cross (London Relay); 9.30 Commentary (London Relay); 9.45 Special Announcement; 10.00 The World of the Week; 10.15 Maria Callas (approx); 10.30 Holland Festival 1954; Part 4; 10.45 Open Line; 11.00 Music Lovers Hour—Classical Requests presented by Alison Decker (Radio); 11.15 Boulevard Cafe; 11.30 Letter from America by Alister Cooke (Broadcast London Relay); 11.45 Second Round-up; 12.00 Weather Report; 12.15 Time Signal; 12.30 Test Card; 12.45 Grand N. South Africa; 1.00 Commentaries on the 2nd day's play in the 3rd Club by Rex Adams; 1.15 John Alden; 1.30 Charles Fortune at Old Trafford; 1.45 Manchester Evening News; 2.00 God Save the Queen; 2.15 Close Down.

Car Wraps Itself Round Cable Pole



Alleged Gold Bars Smuggling

Charged with illegally importing about \$20,000 worth of gold without a licence from the Department of Commerce and Industry, Wong Ming, 29, was remanded until next Wednesday, at 11.30 a.m. by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Wong was represented by Mr. Peter Mo of Messrs Peter Mo and Co. He is on \$1,000 bail.

He was alleged to have imported 18 bars of gold weighing 30 baos on the ss Tak Shing, now lying alongside Tai Yip Wharf, Cornuaught Road Central, at 6.25 p.m. yesterday.

Australian Star Here

Among the passengers who arrived here in the ss Taping from Yokohama this morning was Miss Daphne Lowe, well-known Australian musical comedy, radio and motion picture star, who is on her way home after entertaining British Commonwealth and United Nations troops in Korea and Japan.

Miss Lowe, who is Mrs D. Osborne in private life, flew to the Far East two months ago.

Miss Lowe has been known in the Australian entertainment world for a number of years. She is especially noted for her leading part as Prince Charming in the annual show, "Cinderella on Ice," a Christmas pantomime performed in Sydney. It will be her fifth year as Prince Charming this Christmas. She also has been featured for Australia's embryonic television due to make its debut in the near future.

Miss Lowe resumes her homeward journey on Sunday.

Eight Months' Gaol For Heroin Smuggling Attempt

A Filipino national who tried to board a plane for Korea with 630 grammes of heroin hidden in his luggage and on his person had his plan frustrated and is now to spend eight months in a Hongkong gaol.

Thomas Corgonio Villa, 23, formerly of Shanghai, pleaded guilty before Mr. T. Creedon at Kowloon court this morning to two charges of possession of dangerous drugs and trying to export them without a licence.

Police arrested Villa at Kai Tak Airport on July 6 when they found 18 packets of heroin hidden on accused's waist, legs, shoes and luggage.

THIS MORNING'S ACCIDENT

Out for a morning spin in her god-father's Austin A30, Miss Cho Lai-wah, 20, lost control over the car and crashed into an electric cable pole in Blue Pool Road at 7 a.m. today.

The impact, after the car careened to the off-side of the road, smashed part of the radiator and practically sliced the left-hand mudguard in half. The windscreen was shattered, strewn pieces of reinforced glass on the pavement and the car's bonnet.

One of the three lady passengers, Miss Cho Mei-ching, received slight injuries to the left side of her face. The others, Misses Leung Ying-chun and Leung Suk-yang, escaped unscathed.

Officers of the Police Traffic Office, Accident Department, were on the scene shortly after the accident. When they had completed their investigations, the damaged car was towed away.

Picture above by staff photographer.

Given Recognition

H.E. the Governor has recognized Dr. Hildegard Juliane Marie Schaefgen (Miss) as Vice-Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany at Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today. This recognition is provisional and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Unofficial JPs

H.E. the Governor has appointed the following to be Unofficial Justices of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong. It was announced in the Government Gazette today: Messrs R. P. Mouldie and J. A. H. Saunders.

Today's Gazetted Appointments

Mr. D. S. Robb has been appointed by H.E. the Governor to be a Member of the Hongkong War Memorial Fund, vice the late Mr. F. P. Franklin. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

It was also announced that H.E. the Governor, by warrant, has appointed Mr. F. X. D'Almeida e Castro to be a Permanent Magistrate.

Governmental appointments gazetted were: Mr. W. C. Low to be Deputy Registrar, Kowloon; Dr. Albert John Nutten to be Chemist; Miss Marjorie Fox to be Superintendent Physiotherapist; Mr. V. C. Bond, Senior Labour Inspector, to be Acting Chief Labour Officer; Mr. J. T. Mallorie, Architect of the P.W.D., to be Acting Assistant Chief Architect during the absence of Mr. Norton; Mr. C. G. M. Morrison to be Acting Social Welfare Officer, vice Mr. Keen; Mr. P. R. Spraggall to be Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court during the absence of Mr. C. D'Almeida e Castro.

Resignation And Promotions

Lt. C. G. Fairbairn, of the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been permitted by H. E. the Governor to resign his commission. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Miss I. Wallace Turner, Second Officer of the Hongkong Women's Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been promoted to First Officer.

Sgt. J. A. Catley, of the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force, has been promoted to Pilot Officer.

It was also announced that Miss E. Sanders (ACW) of the Hongkong Women's Auxiliary Air Force, has been promoted to the rank of Pilot Officer.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Now wait! This is a do-it-yourself project—and I'm not hiring any superintendents!"

PI AFTER COUNCIL SEAT

United Nations, July 7. The Philippines announced today its candidacy for a seat on the UN Security Council, thus reopening a drive for Southeast Asian representation on the eleven-member body.

Ambassador Felixberto M. Serrano, Philippine permanent UN representative made the announcement saying that the time has come to fill a long existing vacuum.

No Southeast Asian state has ever served on the Council which handles matters involving world peace and security and passes on UN membership applications. Asian statesmen have spoken out against the unwritten agreement that makes it difficult for a Southeast or South Asian nation to be on the Council.

The Philippine candidacy raised two interesting questions—whether another Southeast Asian country might also become a candidate for the Council and whether the big Western powers might finally give up the idea of earmarking one Council seat for an Eastern European nation.

The Philippines are from actual purchases made this day, and can be authenticated.

Markets Prices
Beef 8 to 11 cts. per catty.
Pork 14 cts. per catty.
Mutton 25 cts. per catty.
Faddy 22 cts. per catty.
Shanghai sheep cost here 35 to 40 each.

Chief Magistrate's Prices
Beef 10 to 15 cts. per catty.
Pork 20 cts. per catty.
Mutton 24 cts. per catty.
Faddy 22 cts. per catty.
One Shanghai sheep weighing 30 to 40 catts at 44 cents per catty gives.

These are some of the principal items, but I have no doubt that the same in any case will prevail through the whole list.

By calling attention to this matter you must oblige your obedient servant.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
Though we give insertion to the above letter, we do not coincide with the course suggested in the publication of the list of Market Prices. Nor are the prices "fixed" by the Government, who, indeed, is vested with no power whatever to "authorize" or "control" the market. We have, however, been keeping the peace between and seeing that the place where the market is held, the list of prices to be published, and that is done at the express solicitation of many members of the community, complaints to the proprietors on the subject are incessant. We have, however, our correspondent in thinking that a nearer approximation to the actual market prices is made by some arrangement should be made by government for this purpose; but repeat here we cannot see any blame can possibly attach to the Market Prices.

EXCESS PASSENGERS
Upwards of a month ago, (May 17), we published the Melbourne Freeman's Journal's account of an operation on the 1st of January, imposing a penalty of Five Pounds for every passenger in excess of the legal number. We now learn from the Melbourne Argus that the law has been broken. The ship, the passenger vessel from Hongkong, which has been fined \$15,000, has been fined \$15,000.

The steamer, 345 tons, 230 passengers, was carrying 231 passengers. Gen. Metcalf, 413 tons, 223 passengers, 48% in excess, fined \$10,000. The ship, the passenger vessel from Hongkong, which has been fined \$15,000, has been fined \$15,000.

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From Our Files 100 Years Ago

To the Editor of the "China Mail":—You would confer an obligation by calling attention to the excessive prices authorized by the Chief Magistrate for Provisions in the Hongkong Market. I, as well as many others, have frequent reason to complain of the prices of food being exorbitantly enhanced by the publication of this list. Most of the prices are from 25 to 100 per cent above the current market rates. The usual manner of ascertaining market prices in other places is by reporting actual sales, but here, suppose the prices are set down by a native policeman overlooking the market, who, for a consideration, doubtless invariably gives the prices higher than the sales warrant. I am quite sure that the Chief Magistrate would not knowingly sanction the imposition of a premium of 25 to 100 per cent on the community, whose list of prices should not exceed the rates at which the Chinese are willing to sell, and some trustworthy person should be deputed to ascertain them.

Suborn in perpetration of this list of prices, which will exhibit the loss sustained by those who unfortunately are forced to purchase, must have something to sustain exhausted nature.

The prices are from actual purchases made this day, and can be authenticated.

Markets Prices
Beef 8 to 11 cts. per catty.
Pork 14 cts. per catty.
Mutton 25 cts. per catty.
Faddy 22 cts. per catty.
Shanghai sheep cost here 35 to 40 each.

Chief Magistrate's Prices
Beef 10 to 15 cts. per catty.
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One Shanghai sheep weighing 30 to 40 catts at 44 cents per catty gives.

These are some of the principal items, but I have no doubt that the same in any case will prevail through the whole list.

By calling attention to this matter you must oblige your obedient servant.

EDITORIAL COMMENT
Though we give insertion to the above letter, we do not coincide with the course suggested in the publication of the list of Market Prices. Nor are the prices "fixed" by the Government, who, indeed, is vested with no power whatever to "authorize" or "control" the market. We have, however, been keeping the peace between and seeing that the place where the market is held, the list of prices to be published, and that is done at the express solicitation of many members of the community, complaints to the proprietors on the subject are incessant. We have, however, our correspondent in thinking that a nearer approximation to the actual market prices is made by some arrangement should be made by government for this purpose; but repeat here we cannot see any blame can possibly attach to the Market Prices.

EXCESS PASSENGERS
Upwards of a month ago, (May 17), we published the Melbourne Freeman's Journal's account of an operation on the 1st of January, imposing a penalty of Five Pounds for every passenger in excess of the legal number. We now learn from the Melbourne Argus that the law has been broken. The ship, the passenger vessel from Hongkong, which has been fined \$15,000, has been fined \$15,000.

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